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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 90-670-W/S - ORDER NO. 90-1034

OCTOBER 23, 1990

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| IN RE: | Application of Rose Hill Plantation<br>Utility Company for approval of the<br>transfer of its assets to<br>Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer<br>Authority. | ) ORDER<br>) APPROVING<br>) TRANSFER<br>)<br>) |
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By application filed October 9, 1990, Rose Hill Plantation Utility Company (the Company or Rose Hill), a South Carolina corporation providing water and wastewater service to the areas generally known as Rose Hill Plantation, Belfair Plantation, Sheridan Park, and Baywood, seeks approval from the South Carolina Public Service Commission (Commission) of the transfer of its certified service areas and its assets and property, to the Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (the Authority), a body politic created under the laws of the State of South Carolina. The transfer includes the existing wastewater management system, the collection system, pump stations, force mains, wastewater treatment plant, holding basins, effluent pump stations and the water supply system as well as the Company's existing customer base. The Application was filed pursuant to R. 103-504 and 704 and R. 103-821 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

A request was made in the Application for a waiver of the notice of filing and for approval of the pending transfer in that

during the past year, the local Savannah, Hilton Head and Bluffton press have carried a number of news articles reporting on the eventual sale of Rose Hill to the Authority. According to the Company, these news articles have been complete, accurate and supportive of the sale and engendered only a few inquiries, none of which were negative.

The Company also states that in March, 1990, Rose Hill management advised the Rose Hill Plantation Property Owner's Association at their Annual Meeting of the potential sale. The minutes of this meeting were subsequently distributed to all Rose Hill property owners by mail. Comments and questions raised during or after the meeting centered on whether the sale would adversely affect the future water and sewer needs of Rose Hill. The agreement provides assurances for the future needs of Rose Hill.

Based on the media attention this transfer has produced and taking into consideration the notice afforded to the affected customers and the lack of any protest of the transfer, the Commission finds that the request should be granted.

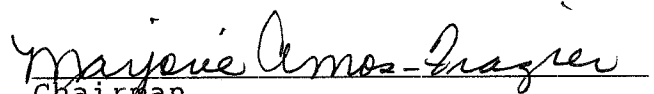
After a thorough review of the matters contained in the Application, and all matters relative thereto, the Commission is of the opinion, and so finds, that public interest requires approval of the transfer of the water and wastewater systems of the Rose Hill Plantation Utility Company which provides service to customers in South Carolina, to the Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., Section 58-5-210 (1976) and R. 103-504 and 704.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

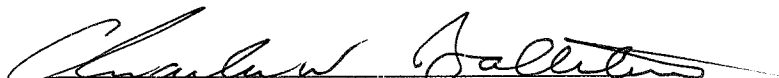
1. That the transfer of the water and wastewater systems of the Rose Hill Plantation Utility Company which provides service to customers in areas generally known as Rose Hill Plantation, Belfair Plantation, Sheridan Park, and Baywood, South Carolina, to the Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority is hereby approved.

2. That the certification previously issued to the Rose Hill Plantation Utility Company to operate water and wastewater systems which provide service to customers in South Carolina is hereby canceled.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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